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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: SOMALI QUARANTINE OF INCOMING VISITORS

1. SOMALI IMMIGRATION AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES PLACED UNDER QUARANTINE ALL PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED MOGADISCIO FROM NAIROBI ON 9 JANUARY VIA SOMALI AIRLINES HH-311. QUARANTINE IS TO PREVENT OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN SOMALIA. A FEW DIPLOMATS WERE RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE AFTER SEVERAL HOURS, BUT THEY WERE WARNED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES FOR 24 HOURS. SEVERAL FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WERE ALSO RELEASED AND ADVISED TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES UNTIL EARLY 11 JANUARY WHEN THEY MUST REPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR AN EXAMINATION.

2. THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ADVISES THAT ALL INCOMING PASSENGERS FROM NAIROBI WILL BE QUARANTINED FOR THREE DAYS AS PRECAUTION AGAINST OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA. DIPLOMATS WHO ARRIVE IN SOMALIA IN THE FUTURE MAY NOT BE AS LUCKY AS THOSE WHO ARRIVED 9 JANUARY AND WHO WERE ABLE TO GET OUT OF QUARANTINE AFTER SEVERAL HOURS.

3. EMBASSY NAIROBI MAY WISH TO ALERT VISITORS INTENDING TO
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TRAVEL TO MOGADISCIO THAT THIS QUARANTINE IS IN EFFECT AND

THAT SOMALIS HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT WILL LAST. IN ORDER
TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE AND POSSIBLE HARDSHIP, RECOMMEND
THAT VISITORS TO SOMALIA BE TOLD TO AVOID NAIROBI OR POSTPONE
THEIR VISIT UNTIL SOMALIS HAVE LIFTED QUARANTINE. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN
THAT OCCURS.
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